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S E C R E T BEIRUT 5661

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, MILI, IS, LE, PLO

SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON

1. PRESIDENT SARKIS TOLD ME DURING OUR NOVEMBER 12 MEETING  
THAT 48 HOURS ASSAD HAD GIVEN PLO TO DECIDE WHAT IT WAS  
GOING TO DO ABOUT SOUTH LEBANON HAD BEEN INTERPRETED TO MEAN  
THAT ANSWER WOULD BE GIVEN ON MONDAY, ACTUALLY 96 HOURS  
LATER. ABU IYAD HAD ASKED TO COME AND SEE HIM ON TUESDAY TO  
GIVE HIM A REPORT.

2. SARKIS ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PALESTINIANS HAD MET LAST  
NIGHT IN BEIRUT AND THAT DRIFT WAS FAVORABLE TO  
IMPLEMENTATION OF SHTAURA AGREEMENT. ARAFAT HAD REPORTEDLY  
GONE TO DAMASCUS FRIDAY NIGHT TO SEE ASSAD AGAIN AND HAD  
RETURNED TO BEIRUT IN EARLY HOURS OF MORNING.

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3. I TOLD HIM WE HAD HEARD, BUT DID NOT KNOW IF IT  
WAS TRUE, THAT ARAFAT HAD GIVEN ORDERS NOT TO FIRE EVEN  
IF FIRED UPON FOR PERIOD OF A WEEK. PRESIDENT  
INDICATED HE HAD HEARD SOMTHING SIMILAR.

4. I ASKED ABOUT CASUALTIES DURING THE NOV 11 AIR

ATTACK ON THE ORANGE GROVE SOUTH OF TYR. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD TOTAL KILLED WAS 12, OF WHOM FOUR WERE PALESTINIANS. I ASKED HOW MANY PALESTINIANS HAD BEEN KILLED ON WEDNESDAY AND HE SAID PRACTICALLY NONE, AT LEAST AS FAR AS LEBANESE KNEW, BUT HE HAD BEEN TOLD THERE HAD BEEN A FEW PALESTINIANS WOUNDED BUT NONE KILLED. (ON OTHER HAND, LATEST INFO FROM LAF SOURCES INDICATES AT LEAST 50 PALESTINAINS, INCLUDING APPROX TEN FIGHTERS, WERE KILLED AS RESULT WEDNESDAY RAID.) SO IT GOES.

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